

Our principle leader in all of the religious services was elder Martin Shively, and his co-laborers in the ministry were brethren Jacob Shank, Albert P. Reed and George Ronk. It is only necessary to state that these helpers were competent and faithful and yet Brother Shively did more preaching than they all. The sermons were excellent, and the word spoken had a good effect, as a goodly number came out on the Lord's side. Of those who came out, several remembered their Creator in the days of their youth; one at least being but seven years of age.

The special services were baptisms, the Lord's Supper with accompanying services, a very interesting temperance meeting mostly conducted by females; the ordination to the eldership of brother J. Shank and brother A. P. Reed. This service was conducted by Elder Shively assisted by your humble correspondent.

There were also several satisfactory efforts made to raise funds for different uses, one of which is the erection of a monument to the memory of our dear, deceased elder J. P. Wolf, who was so much and so sadly missed during this meeting. For many years Brother Wolf was a prominent and successful worker in our camp meetings, and in every other line of work pertaining to his calling and office. But we are very grateful that, notwithstanding this great loss the Lord is still with us, and we had one of the best meetings that we were ever permitted to enjoy.

We also had a well conducted boarding hall to accommodate all who did not wish to board themselves at reasonable rates. Everything seemed to be carefully and conscientiously conducted so as to give us a glorious meeting and, under the protection, guidance and blessing of God we had it, for which we feel truly grateful.

J. W. BEER.

Lathrop, Cal.

Virginia Notes

We are now laboring under the auspices of a new Home Mission Board for Southern Virginia, which was recently organized at our sub-district conference.

On Sept. 1, we commenced work at Cross Roads in Craig Co., and continued two weeks. The immediate results were one baptism and one other confession. Several years ago there was a large ingathering here but this church has passed thro what we sometimes call the sifting process. We have some reasons to believe the crisis past and we now look forward to steady progress. Immediately after the close of this meeting we baptized a school mistress, a member of one of the first families of this section. She lives ten miles from our nearest preaching point and tho nearly all of her people are Presbyterians and Methodists she accepts the more literal interpretation of the word. The spirit of an humble child of God was shown as she entered the water. Her friends smiled one at another and thought it quite a joke that she was joining the "Dunkards" as

they called us, when she remarked: "Brother Bowman, they mean no harm by it but they think it very strange." May the Lord give us all more of that loving spirit. We remained in the county nearly a week longer and preached at Chestnut Grove and Paxton's Chapel, at each of which places there are a few members. On our way to Pittsylvania Co., we stopped at Trantsville and preached two sermons. Here is where our dear Sister Firestone lives, and tho isolated from our people, and rarely that they have a sermon, yet she has succeeded in getting her entire family into the church, the last one to come was her husband who was received less than two years ago and has since passed to his eternal rest.

We are now in Pittsylvania Co., where we have a little band of nine, the result of A. M. Legislation. Brother Moomaw recently reported the organization of this church. We have not yet met the people owing to inclement weather but by what we learn we expect a good meeting. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's children in behalf of the work here. We are gratified to learn thro the articles to the paper that many of our people are entering into that deeper spiritual life that so characterized the early history of the so-called Dunkard fraternity. The spirit-filled men and women are the ones that are bearing fruit for the Master while many that are simply intellectually great are bearing but little fruit.

My prayer is that the Lord may reveal himself more fully in our inner life that we may all be used to his honor and glory.

J. S. BOWMAN.

A Pleasant Visit

Long will be remembered the eight days our beloved brother, J. B. Wampler of Blanco, Pa., spent in our midst. At Roann, he was with us six days, delivering seven sermons from his charts on "Type and Anti-type." At Mexico, he remained with us two evenings. Our brother has done much in this brief period to build us up in the holy faith, and we only regret that he could not remain with us longer.

By the way, brethren, we should make a strong effort to have Brother Wampler publish his map. They are positively the best I ever saw, and I am sure the price would be insignificant in comparison with the valuable work and benefit we should receive from it. His charts ought to be hanging on the walls of every Sunday-school room in the land. They are unequalled.

We are still moving along nicely in our work, and are anticipating great showers of blessings this winter. Our Mexico church fell beneath the wrath of a thunderbolt lately. The steeple was badly splintered, but it might have been worse. We are not at all superstitious and will soon have it repaired. May God bless our beloved church everywhere, Amen.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

Oral Oaks, Va.

On last Sunday at our regular service at Pleasant Grove, Va., our hearts were made glad by two young friends, who came forward and joined in with us in our Christian warfare. One was my son, Leon, a young man of nineteen, the other was sister Mabel, daughter of brother Wash Winn, a young lady of seventeen. We hold monthly services and our church is generally filled and will hold a series of meetings in the fall at the conclusion of which will hold a communion. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for our feeble little flock, that we may fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life.

Yours in the Hope,
S. H. LOVE.

Allentown, Pa.

Perhaps the readers of the EVANGELIST would be interested in reading a few lines of church news concerning the work that is being done at Allentown.

We now number about twenty-nine, four of whom live at Bethlehem and three in Bucks county, about fourteen miles from here, yet they attend the services quite often. While we do not grow rapidly in numbers I trust we do in spirit.

We have services every Sunday morning and evening and occasionally during the week. Bros. J. C. Cassel, E. E. Roberts and others from Philadelphia, preach for us on Sunday, and brother I. D. Bowman during the week. We have cottage prayer meeting every Monday evening. These meetings altho not so well attended are growing very interesting and helpful. Last night I think we had the best meeting we ever had. It seemed as tho the Spirit just filled the room. Our Sunday-school is also reviving again after a long hot summer. Since our school is largely composed of children whose parents do not attend church it was only by constant work and earnest praying on our part, that we could keep up the attendance during the summer, but we feel very much encouraged. May God help us not to weary in well doing, but stand firm and steadfast, doing our whole duty and stand by our church that we may prosper is my prayer.

MISS ALICE HARLEY.

Faithful Pastorate

Rev. Dr. Mackey on his Birthday Anniversary receives Congratulations from his Congregation, Salisbury, Pa.

'Twas love for our dear pastor, brother J. C. Mackey and a due appreciation of his untiring energy in our behalf which prompted us to remember him on his birthday anniversary, Sept. 24, 1898.

A number of us convened to see that in some way our appreciation be transmitted to him and his, and on calling upon different families found our thoughts were as one and all heaped encomiums upon him, sending hearty congratulations and money in the now overflowing purse.

On this his fourth year's pastorate we are